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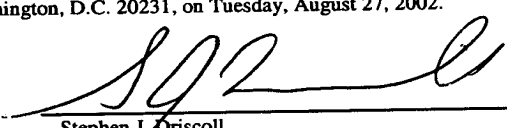
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS DATED FEBRUARY 27, 2002 AND
NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY DATED AUGUST 22, 2002

Dear Sirs:

This reply is being filed in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated February 27, 2002. Applicants had previously responded to the notice on July 29, 2002, but the PTO indicated in the Notice of Incomplete Reply dated August 22, 2002 that the response was incomplete because the drawings had not been placed in proper form and the claims did not commence on a separate. Accordingly, this reply includes a preliminary amendment in which (a) the claims have been revised and commence on a separate sheet, and (b) the drawings have been revised to eliminate non-English references. The commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-5425 in connection with this reply.

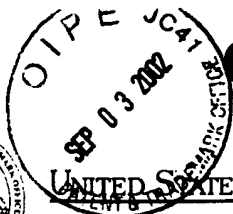
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Thank you.

Respectfully submitted

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NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 08/05/2002 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 02/27/2002 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- The Claim(s) commencing on a separate sheet (37 CFR 1.75(h)).
- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing figures contain text that is not in English (including, for example, a flow chart that was originally not in English that has been marked up to include the English text) see 37 CFR 1.84(p)(2) and 37 CFR 1.52(d)(1);

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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